



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tor Jan Akerlund

Serial No.: 10/044,639

Confirmation No.: 9370

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: Apparatus For Positioning
A Tong And Drilling Rig
Provided With Such An
Apparatus

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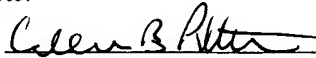
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months set to expire on April 10, 2005, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0032.C1/WBP for any fees necessary to make the submission of this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.